

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/EP02/08887 filed August 8, 2002, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference, which claims priority to Russian Patent Application No. 2001-122026 filed August 8, 2001, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

*Replace the paragraph beginning on Page 1, Line 30, with the following new paragraph:*  
From WO 91/12445, and corresponding U.S. patent No. 5,231,916, both of which are incorporated by reference herein, a piston manufactured by a drawing method is known, in which the wall thickness in the critical groove region is not smaller than the wall thickness in the other regions of the piston. Two critical regions are mentioned in WO 91/12445, namely, on the one hand, the region of the groove and, on the other hand, the inner region of a spring arrangement. The stability requirements in these two regions determine the thickness of the piston wall.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

*Page 7, delete Lines 4 - 7.*

*Page 7, line 8, insert the following new heading:*

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

*Page 8, Line 12, insert the following new heading:*

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

*Page 15, after Line 8, insert the following paragraph:*

In accordance with the provisions of the patent statutes, the principle and mode of operation of this invention have been explained and illustrated in its preferred embodiments. However, it must be understood that this invention may be practiced otherwise than as specifically explained and illustrated without departing from its spirit or scope.

*Page 16, Line 2, insert the following introductory phrase:*

What is claimed is:

*Page 20, Line 3, delete the heading:*

Hydraulic piston made from rolled sheet metal and a method  
for its manufacture

*Page 20, Line 20, delete (Fig. 1).*